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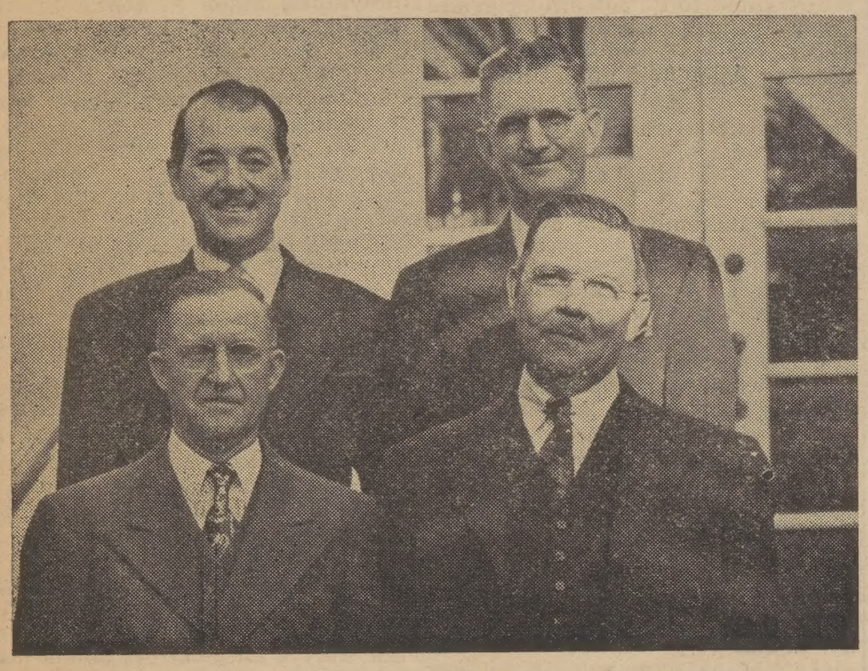

Left to right, front row: Arthur J. Burdette, 2nd Counsellor; Earl Meine, ward clerk; back row. George Badouin, 1st Counsellor; A. Selden Millward, Bishop.

Relief Society Regional Convention

General Relief Society President, Belle Spafford, and her first assistant, Marianne C. Sharp from Salt Lake City will attend a four-stake and Northern California Mission Convention Sunday, April 16 at the S. F. Stake House at 22nd and Lawton Streets. Sessions will convene at 10:00; 10:45 a. m., 1:15; and 3:00 p. m.

Berkeley Stake will have charge of the 1:15 meeting and will furnish special music. Two separate sessions will convene at 2:00 p.m.: the Educational Department, and the Welfare Department. At the later meeting the members of stake presidencies, high counselors, and bishoprics are invited.

Berkeley Stake Special Relief Society Meeting

President Belle Spafford of the General Relief Society Board will address a special meeting of all stake and ward officers, and as many members as may be able to attend. This meeting will assemble Friday, April 18 at 1 p. m., in the Berkeley Ward Chapel. A large attendance is anticipated to hear the message of Sister Spafford.

LDS Idea of Pacific Islanders' May Be Proven

Washington, Dec. 19, 1946—Six Norwegians will attempt a 4,-0000 mile raft voyage from Peru to the Polynesian Islands of the mid-Pacific next spring in an effort to prove that the Polynesian peoples came from Peru and not Asia.

The Norwegian Embassy revealed the plans for the expedition after contacting the War Department to secure emergency life rafts, radio and other equipment.

Thor Heyerdahl, Norwegian ethnologist, will head the expedition.

Heyerdahl, author of numerous scientific articles for the National Geographic Magazine, went to the mid-Pacific in 1937-38 to explore the Marquesas Islands. He developed a theory that the Polynesians were descendants of a pre-Incaic people who migrated from Peru. The most generally accepted theory is that these people came from the Asiatic mainland.

The Norwegians plan to build their raft of balsa wood. They hope the prevailing trade winds and ocean current will carry them to the Polynesian group. They plan scientific observations along the way of currents, winds and drifts.

—Oakland Tribune

Berkeley Stake Conference

The Berkeley Stake Quarterly Conference will assemble Saturday and Sunday, May 3 and 4, in the Berkeley Ward Chapel. Sessions begin with the Welfare Meeting at 7:00 p. m. Saturday evening; continue at 9:00 a. m. Sunday May 4 with a ladies' session in the main chapel while the priesthood meet in the Recreation Hall; 10:30 a. m., and 2:00 p. m. general sessions; a missionary meeting at 1:00 p. m., and a closing session at 7:00 Sunday evening.

High Council Berkeley Stake

Sitting: Isaac B. Ball, patriarch; A. Glenn Spencer, stake clerk. First four standing: Reed H. Chase, Henry Neerings, Jesse H. Nielsen, Robert G. Larsen. Next three standing: R. Kendall Thomas, John L. Murdock, Nathan G. Tolman. Back four standing: James H. Kirby, Lloyd Johnson, George D. Hughes, Ira Markham. Allen B. Snowball, also a member of the Berkeley Stake High Council, was not present when the above picture was taken.

Oakland Stake Conference

The Oakland Stake Conference will convene next Saturday and Sunday, April 12 and 13.

The usual arrangement of meetings will be held beginning with the Welfare meeting at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, April 12 in the Oakland Chapel at McArthur and Webster, Sunday at 9:00 a. m. a session for the ladies and another for all the priesthood will assemble, while at 10:30 a. m. the morning general session, and at 2:00 the afternoon general session meet. At 1:00 p. m. the stake missionaries gather as usual, and at 7:00 p. m. the conference closes with a program under the direction of the M.I.A.

Music for the morning general meeting will be furnished by the Stake Melchizedek Chorus led by Rodney Pocock while in the afternoon the Maxwell Park Choir will sing under the leadership of Beatrice Larsen with Mrs. Rodney Pocock as accompanist. The same choir will also sing two special numbers. The Melchisedek Chorus has chosen as their numbers, "See the Mighty Angel Flying" and "Let the Lower Lights be Burning."

The Sunday evening meeting at 7:00 p. m. will hear the Maxwell Ward choir in two numbers, one of which will be, "The Song of the Redeemed." Rex and Mary Bowles will be heard in two duets. Theme of this session will be, "Why Be Married in the Temple", and President Angus Norberg will speak on the topic, "The Success of Temple Marriages Compared to Other Marriages." Two short talks will be given by John A. Hays and "Bobby" Ewalds, and Bro. and Sis. McKinley of Alameda will present thoughts suitable to the theme. The highlight of the meeting will be the sermon by the visiting General Authority speaking on the subject, "The Blessings of Temple Marriages."

New Bishopric E. Richmond Ward

Left to right, front row: Albert Dietliker, ward clerk; Herbert F. Layton, 2nd Counsellor. Back row: Glen P. Umberger, Bishop; Bryant S. Knowlton, 1st Counsellor.

Green & Gold Ball

Our twin-stake Green and Gold Ball will be held at the grand ballroom of the Scottish Rite Auditorium, Friday, April 25th. Murray Petersen's ten piece orchestra will lead the dancing.

All ward queens will be presented to the M. I. A. Court in a special and new ceremony being written by Margaret Owens. This year, due to the fact that the two stakes are participating, no one queen will be crowned to reign over the court.

A Gold and Green Caprice Waltz and a Tango will be presented as special features during the intermission. A large attendance is assured.

Berkeley Stake Missionary Report

President Paul Summerhays has assembled figures for February, 1947. The report shows ten stake missionaries in the Berkeley Ward, two in Claremont, two in Martinez, one in East Richmond, six in Pittsburg, and seven in Vallejo; a total of 28. Four of these were inactive in February. These 24 active missionaries went out 161 times in Febrauary, or 6½ times on an average for each person. 407 hours were spent by these 24 missionaries, or an average of 17 hours for each person. Thirteen meetings were held by the missionaries during the month. Eight baptisms were reported for the month and in addition, eight inactive members were brought into activity. This report shows decided progress.

Stake High Council Party

The Oakland Stake Presidency and High Council Party was held at the home of President and Mrs. Eugene Hilton on March 26, with Mr. and Mrs. Horace J. M. Macfarlane as co-hosts. The program consisted of a talk by Thomas S. Ferguson on "A New Approach to the Study of the Book of Mormon". Miss Estherella Kaleikua sang three pleasing numbers accompanied by Mrs. Pearl Bliss on the piano.

March Priesthood-Leadership Meeting of Berkeley Stake

Although held in Vallejo Ward, thirty miles from the stake house, the March 23 Berkeley Stake Priesthood meeting was up to its usual good attendance. It also was adequately housed for the purpose by Vallejo Ward. Particularly noted also were the convenient and ample parking spaces owned by the ward, the generous elbow-room acreage about the chapel, the preparation for expansive lawns, and also the neat order and cleanliness of the interior of the building and rooms. Great credit was voiced for Alvin Cheshire who cleans the chapel and rooms like a good house keeper does her own home. All Vallejo ward officers and members are to be congratulated.

Clair Lewis led the Vallejo M-Mens Chorus in two beautiful numbers with Mrs. Dorafaye Lewis Olsen accompanist.

Stake Welfare Meetings will hereafter be held every fast Sunday in the Berkeley Chapel at 2:30 p. m. . . Herbert Layton, having been called to the East Richmond bishopric, was released as president of the 2nd Quorum of Elders, and A. H. Larsen, sustained as president with Leonard J. Aiken and Quentin Hunter as counselors, and Russell H. Johnson as secretary. The following were sustained in Stake positions: Joe Roy Hilton as a member of the Aaronic Priesthood Committee, Vodis Williams Thomas to the Primary Board, Quentin Taylor, Reed Richardson and Lois Schoenberg to the Sunday School Board, and as Stake Missionaries, Henry L. Peterson, and Ed C. Larsen of Napa, and Ed. B. Cox of Berkeley. Bryant Knowlton was released as secretary of the Stake Ward Teaching Committee and F. C. Fitt, sustained in his place.

Reed Chase stressed the importance of the Fact Finding and Statistical Committee to help in securing from all stake organizations proper records. He pointed out that without records for the stake and general authorities to study and analyze, they cannot discern the weaknesses nor take steps to improve things where most needed.

Henry Neerings quoted a poem "Wreckers or Builders," and pointed out that we must be builders for, he said, you may be teaching the president of the United States, or the President of the Church, or a Relief Society President, or the first lady of the land."

Going To April Conference

Presidents Hilton and Norberg of Oakland Stake, and Presidents Harmon, Mayhew, and Ranker of the Berkeley Stake will attend the General L. D. S. Conference in Salt Lake City April 4, 5, and 6th. Representatives of almost all the bishoprics, and many high counsellors will also attend besides the usual number of the saints in general.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple." Mal. 3:1.

The following form is for use hereafter by the members of the wards of the Oakland Stake of Zion in their budget acceptances. Included, as will be seen, in each member's budget is the sum of 50c for the year's subscription to the Messenger.

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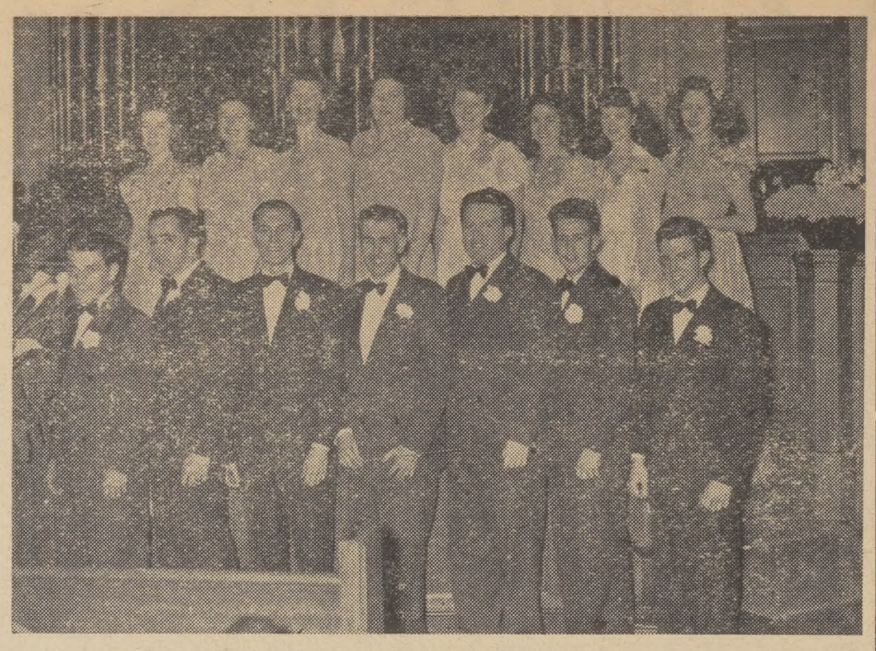

The Vallejo chorus shown above did themselves and the Vallejo Ward honor as they sang in the Oakland Stake Conference, Sunday night session, February 16, 1947. Brother Lewis, the leader, is in the center, front row.

Napa Ward News

In glancing over the social calendar for the past month we find a variety of events have been successfully and enjoyable if undertaken.

The Gold and Green Ball took place early in the month with Florianna Price reigning as a lovely queen.

The Relief Society anniversary party in the form of a planned pot-luck dinner provided an evening of sociability for the members and their husbands.

The Primary "Story-Book Land" pageant was delightfully presented and thoroughly enjoyed by all those attending.

At this writing it is anticipated that the Sunday School paper drive scheduled for the 28th and 29th of March will be the financial success that the efforts of the committee, under the leadership of Brother Olive, should make it. The Scouts have promised to lend their assistance, as have a large number of adults.

The building fund dinner is scheduled for the 18th of April.

Those attending conference in Salt Lake City from Napa will be Bishop and Sister Keller, Brother and Sister Murdock and family, Brother and Sister Springall, Sister Nancy Soper, and Brothers Taysom, Baxter, and Woolley.

S. F. Stake News

Loretta Matheson of the Balboa Ward was selected as the outstanding student of the Everett Junior High School in the graduation exercises of Jan. 29, 1947 and awarded a scholarship presented by the Zane Irwin Post 93 of the American Legion in San Francisco, the only one for that school. Loretta has been an honor student for three years and was awarded a Gold Letter E Pin as an outstanding student. She was the Vice President of the School Student Body.

Loretta is a fine, modest girl of 15 and in the honors bestowed upon her, it was made known that she was an L. D. S. girl. She now attends the Balboa High School.

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Whatever may befall
Oh weary heart rejoice
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How can you doubt, that I can save
Unto the very end,
I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE
Thy Savior, Lord and Friend.
Oh Silent Voice, that ever calls,
Thy wandering footsteps guide
For I am with you, yea always,
So speaks the SILENT VOICE.

Easter program for Sunday School
April 6th. 11:15 a.m.

Organ Prelude	Theresa Sims
Congregational Hymn	"Easter Morning"
Invocation	Arthur Wells
Theme by James Hayes, 1st councilor of S. S.	
Quartet	"Lord's Prayer"
Poem	Jenny Bauer
Biblical Easter Story by J. Newell Christiansen	of the Bishopric
Congregational Hymn	"I know that my Redeemer Lives"
Sacrament Gem	Judith Hanford
The Lily's Secret	Beth Chamberlain
Congregational Hymn	"He Died the Great Redeemer Died"
Easter Adress	James A. Fishburn
Violin Solo	Betty Joe Goodman
Quartet	
Benedication	

Easter Sunday evening we are to enjoy a visit fsom Bishop Don Wood of the Claremont Ward as our principal Speaker.

We are assured of an evening of inspiration and a fine Easter message. Special musical numbers have also been arranged by our Music Committee. May every member of our Ward be at church Easter.

Avery successful party was held on Friday 21st by the Elmhurst and San Leandro Wards in honor of the retiring Bishopric of the Elmhurst Ward, Ray Darton, John Nelson, Allan Davidson, Newell Christensen and Lewis Williams.

There was a very fine attendance to convey their love and esteem for the fine service rendered by these brethren, and their wives. Oil paintings were presented to the retiring brethren, and books to their wives. Sister Daisy Cox accepted our token, in memory of her deceased husband Roylatt Cox who had served so loyally and efficiently as Ward Clerk and other offices for so many years.

Herbert J. Marsh was recently released as Missionary District President, and is succeeded by Louis Petersen.

Fairfield Branch

The 1055th anniversary of the Relief Society was observed at a party at the home of President Dorothy Blaisdell with 16 members attending.

Brother and Sister Rindlisbach are the proud parents of their first baby, a virl, born March 4th.

Brothers Neering and Warr of Vallejo were guest speakers March 16th.

Grand "7 to 70" Carnival

A high spirit of Carnival Delight is promised to all ages at the Grand Carnival De Lux to be given Saturday night, April 19th, by the Alameda Ward Building Fund in the Oakland Ward Recreation Hall on MacArthur Boulevard.

The whole affair is the brain child of the M-Men and Gleaners who wanted to do something grand for the Building Fund. The Bee-Hives will sponsor the "Bee-Hive Bowling Alley" (in miniature) with prizes for the high scores. The Junior will be in charge of a peculiar game of skill. Then there is to be some kind of a make-believe marriage-couple booth with pictures to remember the event with.

Madam Clairvoyant will hold forth with plenty of charming imagination wherein she admittedly lacks any of the forth-telling powers. The Food Bar will be the focus of attention by old and young with hot dogs and pop, and a "Food Fare" selling the most delicious homemade cakes, pies, cookies, bottled fruit, and preserves.

From 7:30 the booths will be flung wide open; then from 9:30 to 10:00 comes the Musical Review, followed by the fun-for-all Traffic Dancing. The M-Men and Gleaners are in charge of the booth building, and the management of a "car pool" for the transportation of everyone in Alameda to the Oakland Ward Ballroom.

"From 7 to 70", is the slogan because it is for all ages "from tots to totterers".

Martinez Ward News

The General Relief Society Conference of Darch 2 was exceptional in depicting "A Story in Granite and Bronze". Brother Bob Sant was responsible for the special lighting effects, portraying each poster as each incident was described, with Sisters Marie Barber as narrative reader and Gertha McKinney as dramatic reader. The special musical numbers were by soloist Roy Clovis of Berkeley accompanied at the piano by his wife, Helen. The Relief Society was held March 4.

Those who participated in the folk dancing exhibition by the Martinez Ward M. I. A. members, at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in Oakland, have received numerous compliments on their dancing. The four couples who participated were Stanley Dahlan, Jr., Ira Markham, Kay Creer, Lucretia Markham, Barbara Roskelley, Vance Roskelley, Allen and Caroline Hardy. Val Dahlin and Ira Markham did a specialty number—the Mexican Schottische.

Our Gold and Green Ball scheduled for March 14 has been changed to March 28. Sharon Dolan was chosen queen, and was crowned by Bishop McIntire. Her attendants were Pat Easton and Lorraine Hufford.

The Martinez Ward Sunday School officers and teachers gave a party honoring the outgoing superintendency, Werner VomDorp and Brandon Kent. Each of the brethren was presented with a book signed by the officers and teachers.

The Third Quorum of Elders have started the olive oil project, selling small containers of olive oil to members of the Melchizedek Priesthood.

Brother Gale Roskelley and his wife, Ruth, have returned from Germany, where he was stationed at Berchtesgaden.

Robert Arland Skidmore and Velma Hillman were married March 29.

LIAHONAS CLUB

The March dinner of the Liahona Club composed of L.D.S. business men in the Bay Region met at the Coit Hotel, 1445 Harrison Street, Oakland, March 24, 1947 at 7:00 p.m., Wm. H. Evans, presiding.

Photographs, both personal and individual, taken at the February meeting, were distributed, while the photographer again "set up shop" on the mezzanine floor and took pictures of those not previously included.

Lists of prospective members were read and plans laid to contact them with invitations to ally themselves with the Club. All L.D.S. in business for themselves are cordially invited to contact Herb Van Noy at ANdover 3328 for full information, and to attend the dinner meeting April 28 at place and time as above mentioned.

The speaker of the evening was R. E. Anderson, third vice-president of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, and chairman of the Oakland Charity Appeals Board, a board for official scrutiny and approving of all agencies soliciting public financial support.

The subject of the address was "Rackets, Donations, and Solicitations." Beginning by mentioning the forty billions of bonds and other savings now owned by American citizens, he referred to the flood of racketeers now swarming to filch these savings. An increase of fifty per cent in such swindles is reported for 1946, using the 2000 known "schemes" which operate in the name of charity, relief, religion and goodwill. Special targets for these cheats are veterans and new business men.

"Sympathy" appeals in magazine subscriptions, and advertising, stock selling in "new magazines, "white rabbits" fur investment schemes, ever-enduring plastic paint, phoney sales of "stock on shelves", fake furnace inspections and repair, fur coat remodeling swindles, fake diamond appraisals, heirs to old estates, stolen identification papers for check forgery, "future delivery" rackets—these were mentioned and explained.

But there are still many legitimate appeals, as for clothing, bedding and various relief calls. However, the number of separately setup and expensively staffed agencies are multiplying beyond reason. To help in limiting these and bringing about needed consolidations the Chamber of Commerce has set up its "Appeals Board". Anyone being solicited for any purpose should ask to see the Board's letter of approval before contributing. Those being asked for donations as to buying tickets for benefit performances should ask to see letters of approval issued by the Oakland Donations Committee of the Merchants' Association before paying out money.

If these two boards are first consulted some of the $3,000,000 goingto these channels will be saved to our business people.

The next Liahona Club meeting will be held as usual on the fourth Monday of the month, the date being Monday April 28; the same place, the Coit Hotel, 1445 Harrison Street, Oakland.

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Dimond Ward News

The Relief Society wants to remind all the ladies that the second Tuesday in April will be work meeting beginning at 10:00 . . . March 18 was one of the biggest mettings ever held by the Relief Society. There were sixty-three at the meeting and eighty-six at the lunch. Thie shower for the bazaar was a huge success . . . . Sister Allen and her counselors wish to express their appreciation and thanks to all the ladies and their husbands who helped so willingly to make the bazaar a success . . . March 23, our Sunday night service was given by Sister Ruth Hilton and Don Bennion. It was a Home Welfare night and a great deal of work and research had been done by Sister Hilton in order to present the welfare information to us. We had a record attendance at meeting and for all who did not obtain the literature given out, it will be distributed by the visiting teachers later or can be acquired by contacting Sister Hilton or the Relief Society Presidency . . . of interest to the ward concerning former members, Donna Phelps Bates and her husband have a new baby boy and so do Barney and Miriam Lee. Congratulations to these proud parents and all others who deserve them and have not been mentioned . . . Sister McBride has men's and women's lisle garments for sale for the Oakland Stake. She has no rayon garments at present although her stocks are supplemented from time to time. Her phone number is Sweetwood 6643 . . . We want to thank the Y. W. M. I. A. outgoing officers Naomi Booth, President and Carman Stephens and Ruth Swanson counselors for their fine service and to wish the new officers Kay Baer, President and Joyce Hilton, activity counselor success in their new endeavor . . . The ward will hold its Green and Gold Ball Friday. April 11. Let us be out to support the Ward Queen who will be chosen by secret judge. The following girls are eligble: MerLynn Jacobs, Elaine Melsone, Ilean Miller, Carman Stephens, Gloria Jacobs, and Lorraine McCarthy . . . . Please contact your ward reporter ir you have any information that might be of interest to the Messenger.

Future Stake Conferences

Stake Conference Dates

San Francisco—June 7-8; October 11-12.

Oakland—April 12-13; June 28-29; October 25-26.

Gridley—April 26-27; August 23-24; November 8-9.

Berkeley—May 3-4; August 30-31; November 15-16.

Palo Alto—May 10-11; September 6-7; November 22-23.

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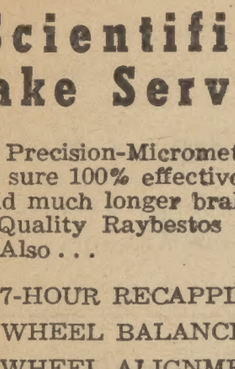

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Oakland Ward News

We are happy to announce that Scout Troop 46 is being reorganized and that they are setting up a splendid program to revive scouting in the ward. The Scout Master is Robert Richardson and his Assistant is Ralph Daniels. The committee consists of Lawrence Sears, Committee Chairman; Joseph Dailey, Secretary; William Banks, Activity Counselor; Ernest Adams, Advancement Counselor; Heber Brown, Neighborhood Committee, and Dale Christensen, Finance Committeman. We are happy to have the assistance of the former Scout Master, William Banks, who has offered his services in the troop committee.

The M-Men and Gleaner Girls held their annual reorganization meeting to elect their new officers on Tuesday, March 25, 1947. The Gleaner Girls President is Amy Richardson; Vice-President and Activity Counselor, Oral Alexander, assisted by Estherella Kaleikau; Secretary-Treasurer, Janeth Evans and Historian, Vanona Moffatt. The President of the M-Men is Robert Bundy; Vice-President, Dick Ewald and Secretary-Treasurer, Jerry West.

The annual ward carnival was a splendid success and the Bishopric wishes to take this opportunity to thank the members of the ward and stake for their cooperation in making this an enjoyable event of the year.

Sarah Toole, president of the Young Ladies, directed and presented a one-act-play for the Mutual Tuesday. March 25th. The name of the play was The Woman In The Freight Car, with the following cast:
Mrs, Fanny Endsler, Myrtle Simons; Lisa Herding, Bonnie Nickoletti; The Nurse, Ludene Grow and the Government Secret Agent, Leone Dailey. We all want to congratulate Sarah Toole for her fine direction and the cast for their splendid performance.

Our Gold and Green Ball is going to be held on April 18th and the Mutual Officers have arranged for Cecil Bingham, Arthur Murray's Dance Instructor, to teach all types of dancing on Tuesdays evenings, in order that different groups of people may be chosen to do special dances at the Ball. We welcome all that are interested in dancing and know you will enjoy these instructions.

Boy Scout News

On Tuesday night, March 18, a Court of Honor of Berkeley Ward's Troop 8 took the place of the usual preliminary program. District Commissioner David Moosman opened the court, presenting the 1947 troop charter and the President Helms Award for 1946.

The following scouts were honored by advancements in rank:

TROOP RALLY

Despite a surprising weakness in signalling, the Cobra Patrol of troop 8 managed to barely nose out the Junior officers in the troop rally held on March 25, thereby avenging the fact that since the first of January the Tiger Patrol has been Honor Patrol one more time than the Cobras.

ANNUAL DINNER

The annual dinner of Troop 8 will be held at Berkeley Ward Chapel on Friday evening, April 25th. The troop committe hope to have as many as possible of the 23 scouts who received the Eagle award during the time Dr. Raymond L. Knight was Scoutmaster present for the occassion. Although the troop is 19 years old, all of its eagles achieved the rank during the period of 15 years when Dr. Knight was Scoutmaster. Also invited will be the present membership and their families and former scouts and committeemen.

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Twenty years' service as bishop of San Francisco Ward! That is the enviable record of work well done on the part of Claude W. Nalder of San Francisco Stake. After filling a mission in the Southern States Mission 1920-23, Elder Nalder, who had been born in Syracuse, Utah, came to California in 1926. Near the time of the formation of the original San Francisco Stake in 1927 (which then took in both sides of San Francisco Bay), he was installed as bishop of the largest ward in the city of San Francisco, and has filled that position with dignity and effectiveness ever since. Because of the many Utahns coming and going to and from the metropolitan city by the Golden Gate on missions, on business, or on pleasure, many thousands of inter-mountain people have learned to know and love Bishop Nalder.

At the present time besides being bishop, Elder Nalder serves as Coordinator for Service Men in San Francisco. He is also Vice-president of the well-known funeral firm of Gantner-Felder-Kenny, a connection that has made it possible for him to serve as funeral director to hundreds of Latter-day Saints in all parts of the Bay region and funeral speaker on countless occasions. He is also known as the "marrying" bishop because of scores of marriages he has performed. Claude W. Nalder has a son who will graduate from Stanford in June 1947, a fact that calls to mind that Claude himself holds a degree of LL.B from the University of San Francisco. He is also the proud father of two lovely daughters, and the wife of one of the best-known and best-loved sisters in the whole of Northern California. Brother Nalder has been a consistent loyal, financial supporter of The Messenger.

Elder's Quoroum Welfare Work

Under the leadership of President Bates Bryan, the 5th Quorum of Elders, Maxwell Ward, Oakland Stake processed 169 quarts of chicken for their own families. Saturday March 22 at two p.m. 15 ambitious workers including some wives met at the Stake Welfare House to can the chickens which had been secured from Elder Clifford Johnson of Hayward. By 9:00 p.m. the 169 quarts had been divided among the group with one tenth for the quorum. Congratulations to the 5th Quorum on your practical project. We would bet that you had a lot of fun at it too.

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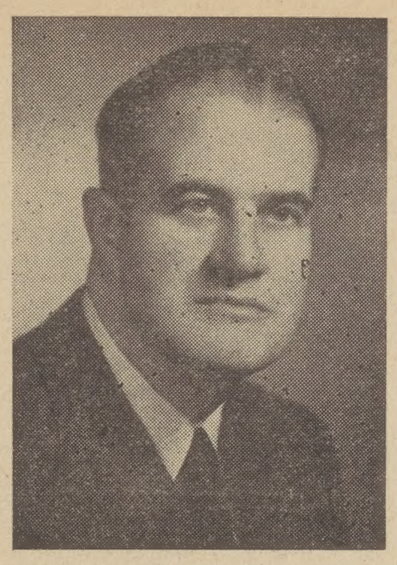

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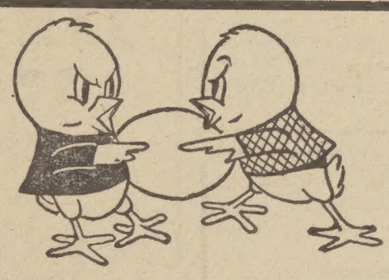

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Maxwell Park Ward Basketeers Play In Finals In Salt Lake

CALIFORNIA CHALLENGERS—An unheralded Maxwell Park team from Oakland Stake has fought its way into the all-Church finals and tonight plays Salt Lake's Nineteenth Ward in championship battle. Left to right, front row: Virginia Salisbury, last year sponsor; R. T. Payne, former ward bishop; Phyliss Clayton, 1947 sponsor. Back row: Larry Nethercott, c; John Wilkins, g; Frank Martinez, g; Vern Cragun, coach; Ben Cragun, g; Dean Mann, f; Glen Marchant, f; Carl Wickwire, f.

Due to the help of our old-time friend George Southgate, The Messenger secured copies of the Deseret News sports page carrying the picture of the Maxwell Park Ward basketball team which won the rare privilege of playing the final game which decides which team shall be the Church champions for the season 1946-47. Although they did not win that last game against Nineteenth Ward of Salt Lake City, yet they stand as the second best team in the Church today. We reproduce the picture of the team above as a courtesy of the Deseret News press.

In the Deseret News of Saturday March 8, the following paragraphs appear on the sports page aside the picture above shown:

"Maxwell Park smote a highly favored Grantsville team 50-33 last night and earned the right to meet the Nineteenth Ward of Salt Lake, 44-37 winner over Afton South of Wyoming, in the all-church finals tonight in the 8:30 game for the Championship at the Deseret Gym. . . . . ..

"Benjamin Cragun, captain of the Maxwell Park team from Oakland, played freshman basketball at the University of Utah in 1941.

"Vern Cragun, crippled coach of the Maxwell Park team, this year brings his third M-Men champions from California to the all-church tournament. Vern has been on crutches now for eighteen months, a result of an accident in his home town of Oakland. Cragun was an all-city hoop performer in Oakland in 1946."

Vallejo Ward News

Judy Ann is the name chosen for the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Stephensen. She arrived February 27.

March 2, 1937 the Primary was first organized in Vallejo. This being the tenth year, the primary group pictures were taken of all officers, teachers and children. Superintendent Georgia Coleman has presided since the beginning. Her first counselor, Elsie Taylor, has served nine years and Clista Knight, second counselor, six years. We extend our congratulations to these faithful ladies.

Mr. Alvin Cheshire and Mr. Raymond Dow are enjoying several weeks vacationing in Merico. Mrs. Dow is visiting her sister in Riverside.

Under the direction of Henry Neerings, Chairman of the Church Finance Committee, a successful dinner was sponsored. Scores of members and non-members came to enjoy the affair which was such a success that it is an indication that more such dinners should be given to collect funds.

At a delicious turkey dinner, commemorating the Relief Society's 105th birthday, the ladies and their partners gathered at the church, March 17. The tables were lovely in St. Patrick Day decorations. Clever toasts hidden under green top hats were given by the "lucky" guests who were seated near them. President, Mrs. Alvin Cheshire, was presented with a lovely gift.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Nelson are the proud parents of a baby son, born March 20.

The M-Men and Gleaners entertained March 21, at their annual Gold and Green Ball. Flowers of spring decorated the hall. The lovely queen was DeLois Thorpe and her attendants included Lorraine Shell, Barbara Williams, Patsy Hoye and Colleen Knight. After the Coronation, a floor show was featured.

The Vallejo Ward were hosts to the leaders of the Stake Priesthood groups Sunday, March 23, at their regular leadership meeting.

"A Case of Springtime", a three-act comedy, was the interest at Mutual on March 25. A huge audience enjoyed the play, which was directed by Dee Moyes, assisted by Erlene Sowards.

Bishop E. Z. Taylor is attending the church conference in Salt Lake City.

An informal dance has been scheduled by the Sunday School for April 4. An excellent orchestra has been arranged for. Everyone is invited to attend.

Alameda Ward News

Hector Buchan and family have moved to San Leandro. We shall miss them greatly. Hector was the ward clerk, and this move necessitated a release from this assignment. Lars Odell Christensen was properly sustained the new ward clerk. By profession Odell is an accountant. Members congratulate him on this important calling.

A cast of gloom came over the Alamera ward Sunday, March 23rd when word came of the sudden death of Oscar McKinley, of Rexburg, Idaho. Wayne, his only son, left via plane to attend the funeral services. He was accompanied by his wife.

We have been and still are greatly concerned over the severe illness of little Sherol Gustaveson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gustavson. At present she is in the hospital. Reports indicate she is improving.

Bishop Thys Winkel and his counsellor Howard Dunn are attending Conference in Salt Lake City, their respective families joined them on the journey.

The ward now has an active circulating library, many excellent, carefully selected books have been acquired. This is under direction of Vina Holdaway . . . She has recently been appointed Deseret News agent for Alameda.

Boots Buck, having been confined to her bed with a lingering illness for several weeks, is getting along nicely. We wish her well and long to see her cheerful face in church again.

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NEWS FROM THE SOUTHLAND

(From the Calif. Intermountain News, L. A.)

Pomona, Calif. hopes to break ground this month for a chapel, Bishop Marvin L. Black reports . . . A "Cavalcade of Mormon Music" is now in rehearsal by a chorus of 60 under the leadership of Marcellus Smith, well known LDS director of music. The "Cavalcade" was conceived by Elder Smith to "glorify" Mormon music—if such a term may be used—and will be widely presented in L. A. Stake . . . An excursion of Southern Californians is about to leave for Salt Lake City to do Temple work in the S. L. Temple, in all-sessions California day, April 7 . . . Semi-finals of the So. L. A. Stake Speech contest were held in March. Two scholarships to the Brigham Young University have been offered to high school graduates, or those graduating in June. The topic is "The Mormon Heritage", and speeches are to be of ten minutes duration . . . Gov. Herbert B. Maw of Utah has proclaimed one week in March as "Know Your Living Pioneers Week." It wil honor all those who came to Utah before the coming of the railroad, May 10, 1869 . . . Leo J. Muir is busy compiling and seeking data for his great work, "History of Mormon activities in Southern California" . . . Utah's ratio of births to deaths holds the record for the nation being one death to 3.50 births, we learn frm the Utah State Board of Health . . . Wilshire Ward is famous for its annual March 21st Carnival-Reunion, a double event that gets everyone out for a good time . . . Southern California region will produce for the Welfare budget during 1947: Butter, 39,360 lbs.; cheese, 26,240; fresh milk, 225,840 qts.; canned milk, 2,214 cases; chicken meat, 7,970 lbs.; salmon, 1984 15-oz. cans; tuna, 1,984 7-oz. cans; 106,000 lbs. of flour; 97,720 lbs. of cereal: 6,860 bu. of feed; 48 tons of alfalfa; 9,840 lbs. of rice; 2632 100-lb. sacks of potatoes; 15,908 lbs. of beans; 492 100-bags of sugar; fresh fruit, 236,120 lbs.; fresh vegetables, 341,120 lbs.; dried fruit, 38,440 lbs. canned vegetables, 7,820 cases ,and large quantities of miscelaneous foods. Then there is soap and soap products, bluing, bleaching fluids, cleansers, water softener; aprons, blouses, cords, dresses, layettes, quilts, rugs overalls, shirts, slacks, trousers, and sundry items . . . 125 young men and girls qualified for the Pasadena Stake "100% Club" by having 100% perfect attendance at quorum and sacrament meetings during the past year . . . The Utah Centennial Commission has sent word that they will sponsor the Adams Ward Choir tour of Utah in June, while in May and June the Sons of Utah Pioneers branch in L. A. will sponsor two local artists on a tour of Utah as a contribution to the Centennial Celebration of the year.

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Berkeley Ward News

The Berkeley Ward Relief Society celebrated its 105th anniversary on March 18th at the Berkeley Ward Chapel.

The morning began with a special program and musical numbers were rendered by Mrs. Vera Merdith, Mrs. Jessie Lund, Mrs. Mildred Hunt, and Mrs. Rhoda Briggs. A literary recitation of the writings of the Pioneers was given by Mrs. Fern McCord.

The theme of the party was the 1847 Pioneers. For the most complete pioneer costume Mrs. Jessie Lund won a prize, also Mrs. Hannah Richards and Sister Zack.

At noon a large colorful cake, made by Mr. Eugene Jacobs at his new bakery on Solano Ave., was cut into 120 servings. A pot-luck dinner was served to 101 guests.

Mrs. Maybell Andersen showed moving pictures of the Berkeley Ward Relief Society through the years and more moving pictures were taken at the gathering.

Mrs. Eva Franz and Mrs. Mae Waldram had an exhibit of the Church Welfare Budget as far as they have completed it this year.

Mrs. Josephine Braley was the eldest mother to attend the party. She is 82. Also she and Mrs. Rhoda Briggs were recognized for having the largest families. Mrs. Louise Brown was the youngest mother present. She was 18. And Mrs. Alice Mae Allen Mills was the mother of the youngest child.

The project of the Berkeley Ward Relief Society for the month of April is to have a party and call it "Husband's Night."

The Relief Society members are preparing and serving the dinner at the M-Men and Gleaner Girl banquet March 28th. This marks the 25th anniversary of the M-Men and Gleaner Girl work.

The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers will hold their meeting for April at the home of Mrs. J. Edward Johnson, 900 Spruce Street, on April 14.

The month of April should prove most interesting and entertaining with plans for readings and poetry for the Special Interest Class in Mutual. Mrs. Margaret Owens will present the first evening of poetry April 1st.

Secret voting, entrance of the Queen, crowning of her Majesty, lovely music and song, and beautiful decorations are only part of the evening's entertainment for you April 18th at Berkeley Ward's Gold and Green Ball. Everyone is invited to attend.

A reminder to all parents of Theta Chi Beta members of the special program prepared for them April 27th at the chapel.

Another Solano LDS Business

The Messenger has just "discovered" another LDS in business on busy Solano Avenue in the Albany-Berkeley section. That makes five businesses there. The "new" one is the paint store of Alton Olson of the Richmond Ward bishopric, and the other ones, you may recall, are The Oaks Variety Store of Earl and Roxy Peterson, the Oaks Hardware Store of Herb Van Noy, LeRoi B. Gardener, real estate, Eugene Jacobs in the former "Carrion Bakery." And of course there is the "pioneer" LDS on Solano, Dr. Douglas Ream, and his office is still one of the busiest ever. Joe C. Eyring is nearby on Gilman Street.

Alton Olsen and his wife, Mildred, are the proud proprietors of a fine "Modernistic" paint and wall paper store at 1178 Solano Avenue, just across the street from the Albany post office, one block from San Pablo. Coming from a family of painters, "Al" Olson has followed the trade of a painter from his father who brought the trade from Sweden with him. After years of contracting Brother and Sister Olson launched a paint and wallpaper store for themselves in April, 1946 at 1178 Solano Ave., Albany, and they have every reason to be thankful for their start. Sister Olson, serving in the store, is glad to have met so many of the local members of the Church, and hopes they will be able to serve all in need of their services.

Why Pioneers Did Not Settle In San Francisco

Brigham Young is speaking about coming to Utah:

"Wait 18 months and I will show you many of them (ears of corn; and the remarks had been addressed to Mr. Bridger in Wyoming).

"Did I say that with knowledge? No it was my faith, for we had not the least encouragement from natural reasoning, and from all we could learn of the country.

"I cannot help being here. We might have gone to Vancouver Island, and if we had we probably would have been driven away... But here we are in the vallies of the mountains where the Lord desired me to lead the people.

"Why did we not go to San Francisco. Because the Lord told me not... For there were lions in the way, and they will devour the lambs, if you take them there.

Suppose we had gone to Texas where Lyman went. Long before this we would have been killed."
—Discourses of B. Young.

The Resurrection

A professor in Berkeley has been offered the body of a convict for experiments testing whether the dead man can be restored to life. The law won't allow the deal; the experiment cannot be made. The scientist said he would need to begin his resuscitation efforts immediately after the man had been pronounced dead. Any delay would cause a failure.

Someday some scientist may make himself world famous for sucess in reviving dead people who had died from accidents or other causes while the bodily organs were still functioning. That small gain would be wonderful indeed.

What then of the Man, Jesus Christ? "The time shall come that **all** that are in their graves shall arise, and shall come forth." If anyone's imagination tries to stretch wide enough to take in all the wonder implied in those two lines that person will either be numbed by the effort or he will be exalted by the sense of limitless might, majesty, power and dominion that the Father has placed in the hands of His Beloved Son to overcome all enemies, the last of which is Death.

New President of Y. M. M. I. A.

Major C. Hampton Price, former president of the Berkeley Stake Y.M.M.I.A., has been transferred to Tacoma, Washington, and hence released as Mutual president with many thanks for his past services. Clifton D. Boyack, former first counsellor, will become president, while Harold Gaisford will be advanced from second to first counsellor.

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Harry Crowther's Farewell

Sunday, March 23, 1947 in Berkeley Ward Chapel, Joseph Henry Crowther, better known to his many friends as "Harry", was given a hearty farewell on the eve of his departure for the British Mission.

This is the second mission Elder Crowther has filled for the Church, he now being in his mature years, but vigorous in body and spirit. The local stake's missions have benefitted for over a year from the services of Elder Crowther. In his remarks at the farewell "Harry" thrilled the audience by a humble and simple but very moving recital of divine manifestations that marked his first mission in the Southern States, manifestations that showed the hand of the Almighty in caring for his faithful servants who go forth in meeknes and with full-purpose of heart.

Berkeley Ward now is able to boast of having five full-time missionaries in the field, the four others being Annalee Hope Avarell, Central States; Walter Scott Barrett, Western States; Wayne Mayhew, French Mission,(Wayne is still held in the Eastern States pending transportation and passports); and C. Reed Tolman, Australian Mission. It was announced that five more missionaries are still needed to fill Berkeley Ward's quota.

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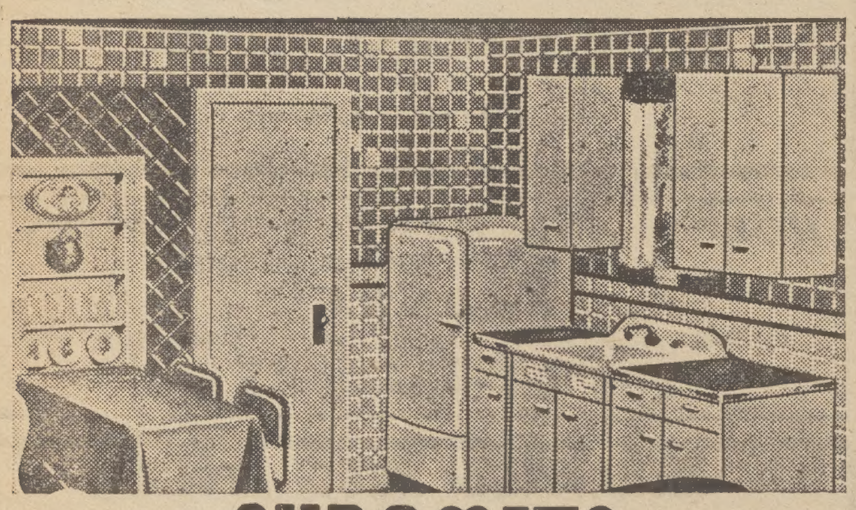

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Claremont Ward

On the 21 of March, Claremont gave a rousing good dinner and program to show appreciation to Bishop and Sister Wood. Claremont's recently appointed Bishop, A. Sheldon Millward and his wife Grace McAllister Millward who were married the 8 of March, were also feted. The Relief Society prepared the food and the Mutual supervised the program.

Claremont's Youth Book Plan Award Night in scheduled for April 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Berkeley Chapel. Requested books that are available will be awarded. Point totals will be announced to each participant. A program, games and refreshments are also planned. Those in the Ward between the ages of 12 and 21 are eligible for participation.

The Easter Morning service under the direction of the Sunday School is in readiness. The theme is "Gratitude and Hope". Joe Roy Hilton will be the speaker. The Singing Mothers, Joyce Miller and John Brillhart will supply selected music. An appropriate poem and story are also prepared.

Primary Conference will be Sunday evening, April 27. The motif will be the Pioneers.

The Sunday School is endeavoring to establish a lending library including a department of visual aids for use in the younger groups and the Ward Primary. Books and material loaned or donated will be appreciated.

Armand Mauss

Oakland Ward's latest missionary, Armand Mauss, writes The Messenger from Torrington, Connecticut to say that the elders in that New England city have fine living quarters and are very busy in the ministry. He says "We are really in a tough place. The voting population in this state is 99 per cent Catholic, and they really fight us. One of them tried to get us arrested the other day, but to no avail. There are only 1400 Saints in the New England States Mission. That's pretty meagre compared to the 10,000 there in the East Bay region alone. "But," he adds, in an optimistic tone, "in spite of our difficulties we seem to be progressing. So far this week my companions and I have sold one Book of Mormon and have loaned another. I feel the inspiration of the Lord with us constantly, and I know this is His work." In conclusion Armand says, "Our primary purpose in this little town is to organize a branch out of the three or four families, who have had no contacts with the Church for some time, and some of them have drifted quite far." All join in wishing great success to this effort.

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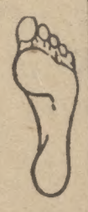

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Stake Relief Society

The Oakland Stake Relief Society Board members and the ward presidents gave a delightful appreciation party to our Visiting Teachers, February 20, at 1:30 p.m. in the Elmhurst Chapel.

The theme of the program was the history and purpose of Relief Society teaching. Dimond Ward Singing Mothers rendered two fine selections, Sister Ruth Hilton spoke on, "What I Expect from Visiting Teachers", Mary Bowles of Haysang two beautiful solos. Inez Mcward sang two beautiful solos. Inez McFarlane, who has been a visiting teacher for thirty years, reported joy in the work, Barbara Martin of San Leandro gave a reading, and Helene Christensen played two violin solos.

After the program, all enjoyed refreshments in the social hall.

The Oakland Stake Relief Society Board celebrated March 17th, R. S. birthday, at the country estate of Milton and Helen Ream. After a short business meeting, an elaborate luncheon of fried chicken with all the trimmings was served. Ruth Hilton, former Stake president was honored guest, and was presented with a book as a token of appreciation.—Lila F. Graham.

Maxwell Park Ward News

Honoring the 105th Birthday of Relief Society a wonderful party was given. Luncheon was served at beautifully decorated Blue and Gold tables with center piece a lovely Blue and Gold cake. Past President Sister Earl and her Counsellors were presented with corsages and gifts. Sister Minnie Elsworth read minutes of first Relief Society. Following lunch a three act drama "Life with Father" was read by Betty Sief of Kamas, Utah. President Beatrice Larsen was in charge of arrangements with following committees. Decorations—Vera Mitchel and committee, Games—Lucille Williams, Luncheon—Irene Schatz, Program—Lilleth Williams.

The Gold and Green Ball held March 25 was truly outstanding. Jean Krage was chosen queen and the crown was placed upon her head by Vivian Williams who was last years choice. The floor show was lovely. Special numbers were presented by Rosanne Caldwell, singer. Dauna Green, dancer. Gladys Olsen, Pianist.

The Gleaner Girl Election Comradery was given in the form of a dinner party at the home of Beatrice Larsen. Officers elected were, President—Betty Lou Thomas, Vice President—Louella Marchant, Secretary—Fern Everett, Historian—June Short. A high light of the party was the announcement of the coming marriage of Ruth Williams and Howard Thomas. They plan to be married July 18, at the Idaho Falls Temple. Ruth is a Golden Gleaner and has served the past year as Stake, Gleaner Secretary.

Grant and Marjory Hawkins are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter (their second).

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Moody Brothers' Notable Success

For the last twenty years we've seen Manton Moody at Oakland Stake meetings. We've also heard of and passed by Manton and Von Moody's Brookside Trailer Court at MacArthur near 85th Avenue. But to actually visit them at their two places of business was a most happy experience and filled in the picture nicely.

Manton stood with us on an upper deck at the "brand-new" Hillcrest Motel covering a block on MacArthur between Boston and Champion Streets and pointed out our Temple Hill which, in its fresh spring robe of green, looked down upon us benignly. Think of erecting over forty modern hotel suites mostly on the ground level and a dozen larger units besides! It's so spick and span; so "modern", yet enduringly built that one feels "elevated" in visiting these lovely accomodations catering to the more favored tourists and business trade. And, indeed, one is truly "elevated" in this hillcrest motel atop a hill that gives each room a wide-sweeping view of the Dimond District and far beyond.

Von Mood's ingratiating smile went with us all the way as he showed us through the five-acre trailer court next to the classic Castlemont High School buildings. Here, ten years ago, Manton and Von started in the business which the "times and the seasons" have favored and caused to prosper famously. We were amazed to observe some eighty trailer spaces, all filled by varied patterns of house trailers and their busy occupants. And besides these trailer spaces we saw forty permanent living units all occupied, making, as you see, a real village of 120 housing units!

Towards the front of this trailer lot one finds a display of trailers "on sale", varying from the little "hold-my-hand-tight-mother" luggage trailer, to the camper's and the sportsman's trailer with housekeeping and sleeping minimums, up to the $2500, $3100, $3600 luxurious housetrailer with gas range, sink, icebox and closets.

Out in El Cerrito, Moody Brothers have set before the San Pablo Avenue trade another trailer sales lot with an assortment to fit the purse and please the eye of all and sundry.

The Messenger greets for all the local colony Manton and Von Moody and wishes them every success. It was a pleasure to learn that two other Moody brothers in Delta, Utah and a doctor-brother in Spanish Fork, Utah are also associated in Moody Brothers operations mentioned above.

Does This Apply To Preaching Also?

Quoted from The Spotlight:

"A good point for salespeople to remember is here illustrated.

" 'Some years ago in Hartford," Twain related, "we all went to church one hot night to hear the annual report of Mr. Hawley, a missionary who went around finding people who needed help and didn't want to ask for it.

" 'He told of the life in cellars, where poverty resided; he gave instances of the heroism and devotion of the poor. Well, Hawley worked me up to a great pitch. I could hardly wait for him to get through. I had $400 up my pocket, and I wanted to give that and borrow more to give. You could see greenbacks in every eye.

' "But instead of passing the plate then, Hawley kept talking and talking, and, as he talked, it grew hotter and hotter, and we grew sleepier and sleepier. My enthusiasm went down, down, down —$100 at a clip—until finally, when the plate did come around, I stole 10 cents out of it!'

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L. D. S. Institute News

PLEDGING

In the reverant surroundings of the chapel of the Berkeley Institue of Religion, twenty-five students became pledges of Lambda Delta Sigma on Sunday, March 16.

This ceremony explained to the future members, the aims of Lambda Delta Sigma and the purposes for which it was established.

Dave Cummings, president of the Alpha chapter, took charge of the meeting, ably supported by Nadine Williams, president of the Omega Chapter. Ralph Thomas gave the history of the organization, followed by short explanations of the five aims of Lambda Delta Sigma: Don Merrill, Fellowship; Gordon Davis, Leadership; Anne Wood, Intellectuality; Lola Neilsen, Cultural Life; Jeannine Coombs, Religion.

Concluding the ceremony, each student signed the pledge and received the small gold pledge pin of the organization. To officially welcome them, older members formed a receiving line to meet the new members and give them their first peek into the future of spiritual guidance and good times which lie ahead.

SLUMBER PARTY

To show very clearly that they can have fun by themselves, the members of the Girl's Chapter of Lambda Delta Sigma held a Slumber Party at the Berkeley Institute on Friday, March 21, 1947.

Approximately twenty pajama clad girls cavorted through the lower rooms of the Institute, and joined in playing games, singing songs, and just plain nonsense until shortly after midnight. Then, they decided, was the time for a midnight snack, after which came blankets and slepping bags.

In the morning it was the Blue Room Grill for breakfast. Later many of the girls went en masse to the Charter Day Exercises at the University.

Unanimous vote: "Loads of fun."

NEW MAGNAVOX HOUR

Starting a new, and we hope lasting, tradition was the breaking in of the new Magnavox at the institute with a concert of classic records at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, March 30. Any one interested is invited. Subsequent programs will be presented April 20 and May 18.

EASTER SUNRISE

On Easter the Institute attended the Sunrise Services at Cragmont Rock, Berkeley, as a group. After the Sunday School services at the Institute the girl's chapter were hostesses to the rest of those present.

AT ICELAND

Members and pledges of Lambda Delta Sigma cut the ice on March 21 at Iceland in Berkeley in the first (and only) strictly stag affair of the semester. Somebody said that most of the time was spent in putting George Boyd back on his feet.

Walnut Creek

The party of the month was held for the Melchizedek Priesthood and their wives. Games were enjoyed. Hot dogs and refreshments were served later in the evening.

The senior class is planning an ice skating party for Monday, March 31.

The men of our Branch are still working hard on their welfare project of planting onions.

Emery Ranker, Jr. is home from Stanford for Easter vacation.

The Church News

(These notes are from "The Church News", a weekly 12-page tabloid publication that comes to thousands of the saints at their homes at the small price of about five cents a copy, or $3.00 a year. Read the best things first or you may not read them at all. Is 50c a month too much to pay for the Church publications? Yet for that small sum, a family may enjoy the Era, the Relief Society Magazine, and The Church Iews." No family will ever grow poor buying all the "bread of life" they can for their families and themselves).

President J. Reuben Clark delivered a masterful address as reported in The Church News in full on the timely topic, "Slipping from Our Moorings." Easter Sunday at 9:00 a. m. P.S.T., Elder Albert E. Bowen of the Twelve Apostles will deliver the nation-wide "Church of the Air" address. It will appear in The Church News.

Seventy-two tons of food and 25 tons of clothing were recently released to LDS members of the East German Mission. "Your efforts are saving the lives and future prospects of many," wrote President Sonne. Reports from Sweden and Finland show a grand spirit, and much activity in the Work of the Lord . . . An elder walking along the streets of Perth, Western Australia, reports that he heard from four homes the Tabernacle broadcast, non-LDS homes, listening as we do to Alexander Schreiner on the organ, the choir under J. Spencer Cornwall, and the spoken word by Richard Evans . . . The weekly broadcasts over KSL are printed in full. Dr. Thomas C. Romney now is doing the speaking. He went through "Cal", and is well known to many here. . . Every week Preston Nibley tells what the expelled saints were doing exactly one hundred years ago as they struggled to prepare for the pioneering journeys to the Rocky Mountains. It is filled with notes from diaries, and is most satisfying to read. Ours were great, faithful ancestors, simple, but grandly simple.

E. Richmond Ward News

A party was given in honor of the out-going members of the Bishopric. Bishop Alma Mortenson and 1st. Counselor Arthur Hopkins, Tuesday, March 25. A one-act comedy was presented by the Junior Girls & Seniors Scouts of the M. I. A. entitled—"The Happy Journey." Cast of characters: Pa—Caroline—Ina Hopkins; Arthur—Charles Myler; Stage Manager — Darla Herbert Layton, Jr.; Ma—Olive Anson; Davis. The play was followed by dancing and refreshments.

Our anniversary party of the Relief Society was atended by a large crowd luncheon was served. The program of members and guests. A pot luck consisted of community singing of old hymns and songs, followed by a trio including Sisters Elizabeth Van Wagner, June Beraz, and Jeanette Demars. Reading by Emma Nelson, and a piano solo by Ethel Dietliker. Gifts for the welfare budget were presented by guests.

June Beraz, director of the Singing Mothers invites all women to join the group which meets every Monday at the Chapel at seven thirty. We now have a membership of twenty. All are enoyjing it very much. Come on Sisters lets make this one of the finest organizations in the Stake.

The Green and Gold Ball was a very beautiful affair. Our Queen Donna Haddock was crownd by Bishop Glen Umberger. The queen and attendants put on a floor show under the direction of Sister Jeanette Demars. Those in the dance were: Queen Donna Haddock, Mildred Zwiefel, Lois Isaac, Kay Davis, Margine Haddock, Ann Zweifel, Betty Dana, Ina Hopkins, Joyce Leavitt, Darla Davis, Olive Anson and Jean Dana.

Elmhurst Ward News

Elmhurst and San Leandro Wards gave a very successful party on March 21 honoring the retiring bishopric. About three hundred people were present and had an enjoyable evening. Brother John Drushal was master of ceremonies. We always have a good time when "Dutch" takes over. Glad to have you working with us again, "Dutch" and Mabel. Presentation of a picture, "The Portrait of Christ", was made to Bishop Darton and his two counsellors, John Nelson and Allan Davidson. A book was presented to Newell Christensen, Ward Clerk, and to Lewis Williams, Assistant Ward Clerk. Bishop Shaw paid tribute to Rolyat Cox, a faithful ward clerk for over five years, who recently passed away. To express their love and esteem, a book was presented to his wife.

The painting of the outside of the Chapel is completed. The bishopric is now anxious to have the grounds taken care of. Bishop Shaw announced that the Priesthood Quorums will be called upon to give assistance. Get behind the Bishop, Brethren, and show him what we can do. "We all have work, let no one shirk."

Relief Society entertained at a luncheon in celebration of March 17. The afternoon was given over to a "mop party" sponsored by the Stanley Products. A percentage of the proceeds from goods sold was allowed the organization which added $1500 to their treasury. March 25 an interesting program was given in connection with the Social Service lesson. Brother Glenn Smith and his family demonstrated Home Night, showing how they conduct this meeting in their home. After this demonstration there was a question and answer session. Four stake board members were present.

Our ward and San Leandro will hold their Gold and Green Ball at Elmhurst April 4 instead of April 11 as previously announced.

The Sunday School has a good program under way for Easter Sunday. Let's all be there at nine o'clock.

Brother and Sister Mudge have charge of the Fireside Group. All young people are heartily invited to attend.

Bishop Shaw will attend General conference. We will be looking forward to his report upon his return. Sister Shaw and family will accompany him. She will visit with her parents in Ogden.

Does everyone know that Charles and Rae Stamps have added a fifth son to their family ?

GOSSIP

Words are like fire—they can warm the heart or bring complete destruction and heart-breaks.

One harmless little word can be compared to one harmless little match carelessly tossed to one side, forgetful of the spears of dry grass eager and ready to burst forth into flame with the slightest exposure, producing a fire, which, once started, savagely reaches out its tentacles of flame and comsumes everything within its wake —until nothing but black stubble and ash are left.

Thus with malicious GOSSIP. Let's not be guilty of it. Girls, remember what Little Thumper says in the story of Bambi "If you cannot say something nice, don't say anything at all."

—LaVon Osmond,
Chairman L.D.S. Girls Com.
Elmhurst Ward.

Artistic Concerts

Two very artistic and thrilling concerts were enjoyed in the Oakland Stake during the last week of March. On March 27 came the Alameda Building Fund Concert in Adelphian Hall, Alameda at which was heard the masterly piano playing of Rollin Jensen, a high school youth, son of Wendell and Eleanora Jensen, the grand-opera voice of Emmy Stam singing to the finished accompaniment of Rollin's mother, Mrs. Eleanora Jensen. Those who heard these artists came away singing their praises, and thankful for such talent so freely given among our people for the worthy causes they serve so unselfishly and so often.

March 29 another outstanding performance was given in the Elmhurst Ward chapel by the Hayward Ward for the benefit of their building fund. The artists of high repute heard at this concert were Rex and Mary Bowles, accompanied by the capable Violet Bay, and John Truscott the pianist. The three solos by Mary Bowles and the three solos by her husband, Rex Bowles, were most sincerely enjoyed by the large audience as were the ten duets sprinkled by these vocalists through the program of the evening. Mr. Truscott also came in for his share of applause.

The building funds needs are proving a blessing to the members of the local colony in thus bringing before them the finished artists that we have among us and do not have the opportunity to hear as often as should be. It is felt that there are many other artists in our midst who should be found and featured in like manner. Our talent must be given opportunity for expression and development, and we look upon these calls by the building committees as a blessing and not as a burden, for all of us are spending our monies for lesser entertainments at higher prices in many cases.

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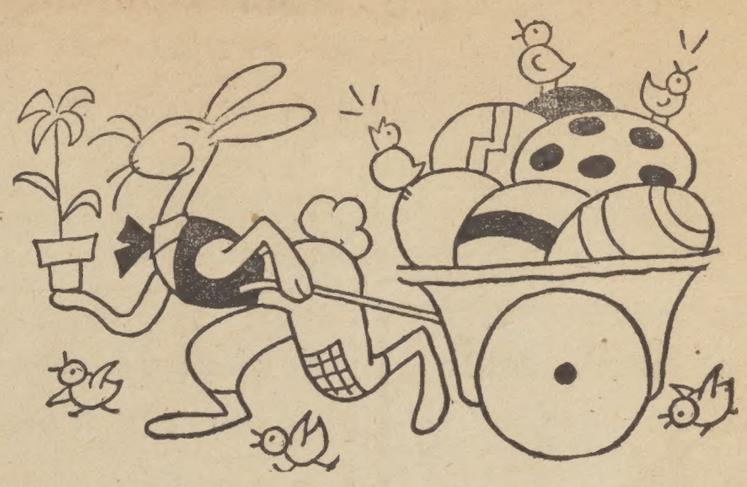

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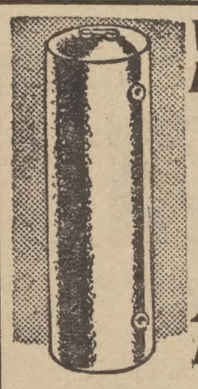

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We understand that F.H.A. loans may be secured, and G.I. Approval is expected in the immediate future. Of course the specifications meet all the city building codes, with such items as 2x6 rafters and 2x8 floor joists, and the patented walls material called "Lock Air Board". The unique feature is that these homes may be erected in twenty-one days from the time of laying the foundation, and that the prices for five rooms go from $3200 and for the six rooms from $4500. Garages are similarly reasonable. Including a lot the prices of homes should be helped by this pre-fabricated type of structure. The Messenger hopes that this will help the home seekers, and will soon appeal to all our realtors as one solution to a sorely pressing problem.

Hayward Ward News

Pressure of his business has forced D. Ross McClellan to resign his position as 2nd counselor to the Bishop. It was with a great deal of regret that the resignation was accepted because he had filled the post very capably. Dan Burbank, returned veteran, has been chosen to replace Mr. McClellan. This constitutes complete reorganization in the council as James E. Eldridge was recently sustained to fill the position as 1st counselor.

Newly-weds hold the spotlight of attention in the ward at present. Phyllis Price, daughter of the Martin Prices' was married to Kinard Snyder. Bishop Webb officiated at the ceremony which was held at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Paul Corbrige, of San Leandro.

Betty Welchoff and Day Welchoff took their vows in Reno. Day is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Welchoff. His mother has served as choir pianist for many years. A round of parties and showers have been held and are being planned for the two young copies.

Two January high school graduates have already established themselves in the business world. Donna Webb in Oakland and Helen Emerson in San Francisco. Best of luck to both of them.

Special Easter services have been planned for both meetings Sunday. The Sunday School will present the morning program and the choir will sing a special Easter Cantata in the evening. Archie J. Inger will be featured as speaker for the sacrament service.

Oakland Stake Calender

April

April 4	Spingro Folk Party, Two Stakes	Oakland Hall	8:30
April 11	Oakland Assembly Dance—Dimond G. & G. Ball Jack Stevens Orchestra	Dimond Hall	8:30
April 12	M-Men Gleaner Party, Two Stakes	Ser. Men's Home	8:30
April 12-13	Oakland Stake Quarterly Conference	Oakland Chapel	
April 17	Alameda Ward Gold & Green Ball	Adelphian Hall	8:30
April 18	Folk Dance and Drama	Dimond Hall	8:30
April 18	Oakland Gold & Green Ball	Oakland Hall	8:30
April 19	Junior Party, Two Stakes	Ser. Men's Home	8:30
April 19	Alameda Carnival	Oakland Hall	8:30
April 20	Stake Leadership	Dimond Chapel	2:00
April 25	Green & Gold Ball	Scottish Rite Aud.	8:45

May

May 2	Folk Dance and Drama	Oakland Hall	8:30
May 3	Beehive Swarm Night	Dimond Hall	
May 9	Oakland Stake Dance and Drama Festival	Oakland Hall	8:00
May 10	M-Men, Gleaner Party, Two Stakes	Ser. Men's Home	8:30
May 16	Music Festival	Dimond Hall	8:00

Berkeley Stake Calendar

April

April 4	Springro Folk Party, Two Stakes	Oakland Hall	8:30
April 12	M-Men & Gleaner Party, Two Stakes	Dimond Hall	8:30
April 13	M.I.A. Stake Union Meeting	Vallejo Ward	2:30
April 19	Junior Jamboree, Two Stakes	Ser. Men's Home	8:30
April 25	Gold & Green Ball	Scottish Rite Aud.	8:30

May

May 3-4	Berkeley Stake Conference	Berkeley Chapel	
May 3	Junior Girls' & Mothers' & Daughters Reception	Ranker Home	8:00
May 10	M-Men & Gleaner Party, Two Stakes	Ser. Men's Home	8:30
May 10	Beehive Swarm Night	Berkeley Chapel	8:00

Auto Caravan to Utah Centennial

Bishop Pearce of Pittsburg has this to say in the Pittsburg Courier of March 1947 regarding the desirability of an automobile caravan to the Utah Centennial this summer: "I would like to encourage as many of the Latter-day Saints as possible to plan to visit Utah this Centennial Year. We owe it to our families to preserve the memories and culture of our glorious forebears who sacrificed so much.

"There has been some talk about forming a large caravan of automobiles from the Bay Area to travel as a group to Salt Lake City about July 20th . . . . This seems to be a very worthwhile undertaking since it would add materially to the enjoyment and appreciation of the trip . . .

"Overnight camp could be made at some Nevada oasis with the autos forming a "Covered Wagon Circle" with a campfire celebration in the true pioneer fashion . . . I am sure that much favorable publicity on a nationwide scale could be accomplished to the benefit of the Centennial."

The White Hare

The Easter bunny and the colored Easter eggs seem far afield from the story of the resurrection of the Savior. The story of the origin of these customs and the traditional egg rolling and secreting at least serves a moral end.

It originated in Germany. The children are taught to believe that if they are good and mind their parents, and are truthful and kind to one another, a snow-white hare will steal into the house on Easter Eve, when everybody is asleep, and secrete in odd corners any number of beautifully colored eggs for the good children, but none for the bad ones.

They are out of bed at sunrise and the hunt begins and finally it is sure that the white hare thinks them very good children.

This custom, or at least part of it, has spread to England and America and everywhere on Easter the children are searching for the proofs that the wonderful white hare loves them.

Righteousness Exalteth a Nation

Blasphemy is a form of unrighteousness. He who continuously takes the name of God in vain will not long go on praying, worshiping or otherwise obeying God.

At the close of a shipyard public meeting the workers joined in singing "God Bless America." As they went back to work, the old practice of taking God's name in vain was resumed.

Will God bless an America that tolerates such a general, senseless practice of insult to Heaven?

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What seemed to us an enormous stock of very beautiful blankets covered the floor of the large warehouse in huge shipping boxes; the day had been a busy one filling large wholesale orders for those "100% Virgin Wool Blankets." We learned that retail orders are cared for also.

With his accustomed heartiness, Will loaded us into his car which duly delivered both of us at his lovely, newly-acquired home where his good wife, Zelnora Baliff Evans, welcomed and refreshed us while "Bill" readied himself for the Liahona Club dinner and business meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Coit Hotel. There Will presided for he is serving this year as the Club's President.

The hearty goodwill of everyone goes out to Wm. H. Evans for continued prosperity in the business field. His services and success in the Oakland Stake High Council and in other church and Liahona Club work has always been appreciated. And this applies to Zelnora, particularly, in her current responsibilities as president of the Y.L.M.I.A.

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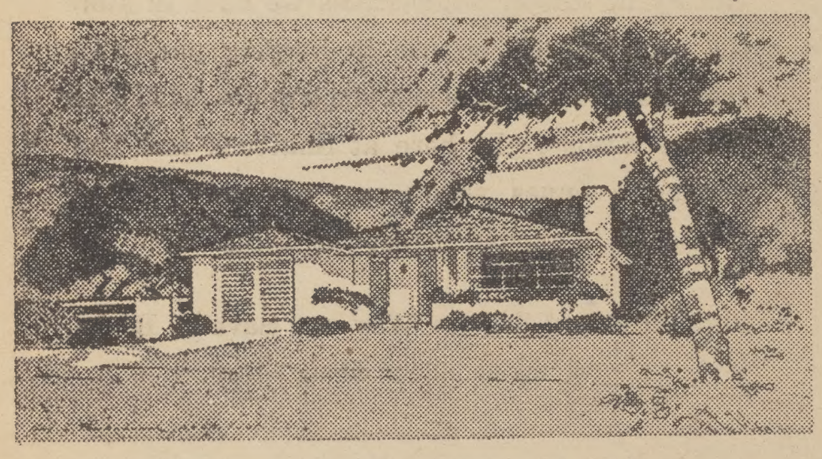
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